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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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POLYOLEFIN ARTICLE AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF For:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated January 31, 2001, the applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution in this application be given on the invention of Group II, drawn to the bonding process, currently claimed in Claims 5 - 8, 11, and 12.

The applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions.

Accordingly, an early examination and a favorable action on the merits on Claims 5 - 8, 11, and 12 are respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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